

Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

***Privacy and Security of County Health Information
and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability
and Accountability Act of 1996(HIPAA)***

Resolution No: _____

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held September 10, 2002, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, privacy is a fundamental right of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of patients and healthcare providers alike that medical and health records be secure from accidental or intentional misuse; and

WHEREAS, individually identifiable health information during the rapid growth of integrated healthcare delivery systems requires greater use of integrated health information systems; and

WHEREAS, more than anything else, the relationship between a patient and a clinician is based on trust; and

WHEREAS, privacy violations reduce consumers' trust in the healthcare system and institutions that serve them; and

WHEREAS, Placer County has, within its service structure, many components, departments, and offices that receive, collect, store, use, and transmit individually identifiable health information and medical records and files protected under Federal and State law;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County Of Placer, State of California hereby supports, encourages and requires the protection and confidentiality of individually identifiable health information and medical records consistent with and pursuant to all Federal and State health information privacy and security laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California hereby directs the development of County administrative policies and procedures that serve to guide and direct compliance implementation of such Federal and State laws, regulations, and policies.